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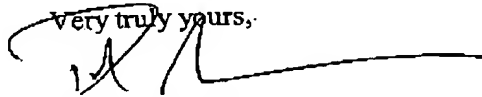
Re: Filing of Amendment  
U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/698,368  
Our Ref: NGB.312

Dear Examiner:

Enclosed please find an Amendment which should place the Application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,



Phillip E. Miller

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Enclosure

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: 10/698,368

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For: **IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD AND IMAGE COMPRESSION  
APPARATUS**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: